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To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Office of Consumer Services
Michele Beck, Director
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Date: August 21, 2018

Re: In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Electric Service Schedule No. 34, Renewable Energy Tariff. Docket No. 16-035-T09

Background

On August 1, 2018, the Division of Public Utilities (Division) filed with the Public Service Commission (Commission) a request that the Commission establish a process to consider approval of the Division's recommended changes to Rocky Mountain Power's (Company) Schedule 34.

On August 2, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Scheduling Conference to be held on August 9, 2018. On August 10, 2018, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order setting a deadline of August 23, 2018 for parties to file comments on the Division's recommended changes and August 30, 2018 for reply comments.

Pursuant to the schedule set by the Commission the Office of Consumer Services (Office) provides the following comments.

Discussion

On August 18, 2016, the Commission issued an "Order Memorializing Bench Ruling Approving Settlement Stipulation," (Stipulation) in Docket No. 16-035-T09. [In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Electric Service Schedule No. 34, Renewable Energy Tariff]

Parties to the Stipulation recognized that unforeseen or changed circumstances and unintended consequences could occur that would result in the need to revise the tariff. It was agreed that a review and potential modification of the tariff would be in the interest of customers.

Section 14 of the Stipulation required that 12 months after approval of the Stipulation the Division, after consultation with the parties to the Stipulation, was to report to the Commission concerning whether changes to the tariff are advisable.

The Division consulted with the parties and included with its August 1, 2018 filing suggested tariff revisions for Schedule 34.

The Office asserts that the changes identified in the Division's filing are necessary and in the public interest. The Office supports those modifications and recommends that the Commission approve the revised tariff sheets, with an effective date in early September, or as soon as practicable after the Commission's review of reply comments to be filed August 30, 2018.

Recommendation

The Office recommends that the Commission approve the amended Schedule No. 34 tariff sheets attached to the Division's August 1, 2018 filing.

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